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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Information for Transmission

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1. In accordance with your request [REDACTED] information on Syria and Jordan from the last two missions, 1351 and 1352, dated 20 and 23 January 1957, respectively, is summarized and attached hereto. No information is available on Iraq, which also was requested.

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Date of Information: 20 - 23 January 1957

I. Syria

A. Aleppo Airfield: 50 aircraft reported (8 meteors, 2 probable Spitfires, 32 trainer type, 1 C-47 transport, and 7 unidentified single engine aircraft.)

B. Bab El Haqua Airfield: Not in use; no aircraft. Possible open storage on runways.

C. Damascus Airfield: 40 aircraft seen (3 meteors, 3 C-47 transports, 2 C-54 type transports, 27 single engine trainer type and 5 unidentified single engine aircraft.)

D. Hama Airfield: 19 shipping crates, approximately [redacted] were seen in open revetment. An adjacent open revetment contained 13 objects, which could be aircraft fuselages. Construction extending runway in progress. Total present usable length approximately 6700 feet. When completed, total length will be 8300 feet.

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E. Rasin El Abdud Airfield: No aircraft. East-West runway being resurfaced.

F. No aircraft were seen on the following airfields: El Quseir, Palmyra, Sah Es Sahra, Minnik, Afisse North (Taftanx), Hamimma, Djerah, Qamichle, T-3.

G. Information not received on Dumair, Tartus, Deir Es Zor, and Raqqa.

H. Latakia Harbor: 12 ships reported including 1 tanker over 200 feet in length and 11 freighters over 200 feet in length (5 large and 6 small) plus numerous small craft. Large amounts of crates and stores were seen on the docks.

I. Baniyas Petroleum Storage Area: 3 tankers approximately 480 feet long seen offshore; one [redacted] at loading dock. 28 petroleum tanks were counted, two of which were full.

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J. A barracks area is reported to be one nautical mile south of Atayba (3329N 3637E). It contains 30 barracks buildings (5 under construction) each approximately 145 by 15 feet. Forty five vehicles were parked in the area.

K. A security area, believed probably military barracks, is located 1 nautical mile north of An Mack (Nebek) (3402N 3643E). It contains approximately 40 buildings ranging in size from 155 by 80 feet to 560 by 35 feet, a road network and zig-zag trenches.

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L. Military Installation 8 miles west Damascus: 16 tanks, 15 possible tanks, and approximately 40 miscellaneous vehicles were reported.

M. Damascus Military Depot: 32 field artillery guns and 104 vehicles.

N. Two nautical miles east northeast of Damascus airfield is a suspected ammunition storage area containing 25 revetted buildings and 13 barracks type buildings.

O. Hums Military Camp: Approximately 65 probable vehicles parked; large amount stores and equipment in the open.

P. Hums Military Depot: 24 field artillery guns, approximately 15 vehicles, 6 possible antiaircraft guns, unidentified open storage reported.

Q. New road construction from Hamidiyah (3442N 3556E) ENE to intersect with Tripoli-Hums Road at 3438N 3607E. Piers, bridge abutments and culverts have been laid and grading is underway.

2. Jordan

A. Amman Airfield: 18 Aircraft (13 vampires, 2 possible vampires, 1 C-47 and 2 C-45 type transports.)

B. Mafraq (new) Airfield: No aircraft; approximately 200 assorted vehicles.

C. No aircraft were seen at Mafraq (old) and Zerka airfields.

D. Zerka Military Installation: Approximately 200 vehicles, much activity but details not available.

E. Amman Military Depot: 62 vehicles reported.

F. Amman Military Installation: 27 vehicles reported.

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